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just -- so that you can see who they are. First of all, I'd like to introduce Dana Dean, who is our Associate Director for Mining.

Then, we have Daron Haddock and Jim Smith, who are managers within our coal regulatory program.

We also have staff members of the Division, and one of those staff members will be giving a presentation tonight. Her name is Priscilla Burton.

And other staff right here, who have technical expertise in the review of the mine application, are Wayne Western, Joe Helfrich and Dave Darby.

We also have assistants from our Attorney General's office, and that would be Steve Alder and Kevin Bolander.

As I've already mentioned, the Division has received an application to conduct surface coal mining operations located nearby to where we're having this meeting tonight.

Following my remarks, a member of the Division staff, Priscilla Burton, will briefly summarize the proposed mining operations, but I'm going to introduce the topic and tell you how we're -- we're going to proceed through this -- this evening's meeting.

The Division is required to evaluate the application to assure that it complies with the

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DIRECTOR BAZA: Well, let me start by saying my name is John Baza; I'm the Director of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

I'd like to thank you all for coming. And I'd also like to thank the -- the Mayor of Alton for allowing us to be in this building and use this room for this purpose tonight.

Let me mention that the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is one of seven divisions within the Utah Department of Natural Resources.

And, along with our other sister agencies, we're responsible to ensure that activities in the State of Utah, at least related to mining, are complying with state law and regulations.

We're here today to conduct an informal conference in the matter of an application for a coal mine presented to the Division by Alton Coal Development, L.L.C.

And this is identified as Mine Application Number C/025/0005. I'd like to introduce, along with myself, members of the Division staff who are here with me today.

And I'll ask each one of them to stand and

requirements of the Utah Coal Mining Reclamation Act and the associated regulations.

The Division's approval does not supersede the authority of other agencies that also have authority under state and federal law.

The Division's obligation is to ensure that mining proceeds in an environmentally sound manner and that reclamation occurs soon after mining, according to the R645 Utah Coal Mining Rules.

This informal conference is being held to take comment on the proposal to surface mine approximately 653 acres of privately owned coal and surface approximately four miles southeast of the town of Alton.

To facilitate the mining of the fee coal -- and fee means privately owned -- public road 136 must be temporarily relocated. Comments on the road relocation are also encouraged at this time.

The Division's evaluation is a somewhat lengthy process that involves a number of stages. And let me explain those stages to you.

The first stage is to determine that the application is administratively complete. The application submitted -- or the applicant submitted an initial application package on June 14th of last year, in 2007.